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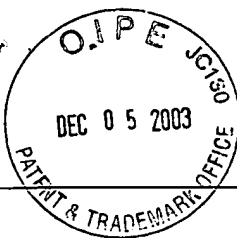
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Sir:

This is in response to the Restriction Requirement dated November 7, 2003. The Examiner therein required election of one of the following groups of claims:

- Group I: Claims 1-15 and 20-27, drawn to methods of eliciting protective immunity against *Neisseria meningitides* utilizing preparations of microvesicles, outer membrane vesicles and combinations thereof derived from *Neisseria meningitides*;
- Group II: Claims 16-27 and 39, drawn to methods of eliciting protective immunity against *Neisseria meningitides* utilizing antigens derived from *Neisseria meningitides*;
- Group III: Claim 28, drawn to methods of determining antigenic epitopes that elicit protective immunity against *Neisseria meningitides*;
- Group IV: Claims 29-33, drawn to compositions microvesicles, outer membrane vesicles and combinations thereof derived from *Neisseria meningitides*; and
- Group V: Claims 34-38, drawn to compositions comprising antigens derived from *Neisseria meningitides*.

(We note that Group V is mistakenly numbered as Group VI in the Office Action.)

Applicants hereby elect to prosecute the claims of Group I, claims 1-15 and 20-27, without traverse.

Applicants expressly reserve the right under 35 USC §121 to file a divisional application directed to the non-elected subject matter or any subject matter disclosed in this application during the pendency of this application.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 and 1.17 which may be required by this paper, or to credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 50-0815, order number CHOR-001.

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